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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: US PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. AS NOTED REF (B), EMBOFF FOLLOWED UP EARLIER REPRESENTATION TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FMA) DG FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AMB. MONDELLO DURING JULY 26 DISCUSSION WITH MIN. MIGLIUOLO, MFA COORDINATOR FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE. MIGLIUOLO UNDERLINED CONTINUING GOI SUPPORT FOR US INITIATIVE AND REPEATED PREVIOUSLY-STATED GOI POSITION THAT GOI CO-SPONSORSHIP DEPENDENT UPON FINDING OTHER CO-SPONSORS FORMING PART OF A BROADLY-BASED, GEOGRAPHICALLY-REPRESENTATIVE GROUP. HE ASSERTED THAT REPORTS FROM GOI DELEGATION IN GENEVA WERE HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC RE USG PROGRESS TOWARDS LINING
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UP LDC SPONSORS AND SAID THAT GOI DELEGATION'S INSTRUCTIONS

WERE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO PERMIT ITALIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP
IF USG DEMONSTRATES HAVING THE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT.

1. RE POTENTIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN POSSIBLE ITALIAN AND
BELGIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP (REF D), MISSION IS REMINDED THAT GOI
EVINCED SUPPORT FOR USG INITIATIVE EARLY ON, DESPITE POSSIBLE
CHARGES OF HYPOCRISY AT HOME AND ABROAD. EMBASSY ROME IS
UNABLE TO EVALUATE STRENGTH OF GOB AVERSION TO CO-SPONSORSHIP
WITH ITALY, BUT IF OCCASION SHOULD ARISE, WE BELIEVE THAT
GOB MIGHT PREFER TO CO-SPONSOR WITH ITALY RATHER THAN
EXPLAIN REASONS FOR DECLINING TO DO SO.

3. RE MATTER RAISED REF (D), IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME
MISUNDERSTANDING AROSE FROM MFA QUERIES RE STATUS OF FRG
AMENDMENT FOLLOWING EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS REPORTED
REFTELS. WE HAVE NEVER IMPLIED THAT GOI WAS LESS THAN
EARLY AND STEADFAST SUPPORTER OF US PROPOSAL. VOLPE

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